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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval S. 307, R-138 a bill that establishes circumstances when it is lawful to drive a vehicle in the left lane of an interstate highway.

While slow drivers in the left lane of the interstate can be a real irritation, I believe this bill provides for a disproportionate response to the problem. According to the Department of Public Safety, the total cost of a traffic ticket for a violation of this law would be \$150.00. In addition, the driver would accrue two points on his or her driving record. This is a strong consequence for driving too slowly in the left lane of the interstate in light of another bill recently delivered to me that would set the fine for failing to wear a seat belt at only \$25.00.

In this case, as much as I may personally sympathize with the feelings that motivated this legislation, the bill's consequences seem to be out of proportion with the problem the General Assembly is attempting to address.

For this reason, I am returning S. 307, R-138 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "MS", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford